

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

With reference to Fig. [[6]] 7 and in an alternative embodiment, the tie wings 26, 28 may be redimensioned to project outwardly (i.e., labially) beyond or above the edge of slot wall 37. As a result, the leading exterior edge of the closed wall 56 abuts against the side of the tie wings 26, 28 when the ligating slide 16 is in the closed position.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

With reference to Fig. [[7]] 6 in which like reference numerals refer to like features in Figs. 1-5, an orthodontic bracket 10' in accordance with an alternative embodiment of the invention includes a bracket body 12', a self-ligation insert 14' embedded or insert molded within the bracket body 12', a movable ligating slide 16' slidably coupled with the self-ligation insert 14', and a resilient engagement member consisting of a pin 70 and a resilient member 72 that biases the pin 70 toward the ligating slide 16' for regulating the movement of the ligating slide 16' relative to the self-ligation insert 14'. The components of orthodontic bracket 10' are substantially similar to those of orthodontic bracket 10, other than noted below. The orthodontic bracket 10' is illustrated with the ligating slide 16' moved to a closed position in Fig. [[12]] 6.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

With reference to Figs. 8-10 in which like reference numerals refer to like features in Figs. 1-5, an orthodontic bracket 10" in accordance with an alternative embodiment of the invention includes a self-ligation insert 14" embedded or insert molded within the bracket body (not shown), a movable ligating slide 16" slidably coupled with the self-ligation insert 14", and a resilient engagement member consisting of a locking wire 90 fixed at one end 92 to the ligating slide 16". The locking wire 90 extends in a mesial/distal direction through a passageway 93 formed in flange ~~[[152]]~~ 52 of the ligating slide 16" and an opposite end 94 of locking wire 90 projects beyond the peripheral side edge of slide 16". In the closed position, end 94 of locking wire 90 extends into a complementary locking recess 96 formed in guide 42 so that end 94 operates as a detent to arrest or otherwise prevent movement of the ligating slide 16'. The engagement between end 94 and locking recess 96 provides a positive stop for the ligating slide 16" in the open position.